



BOOKS WITH A "WATER" THEME

READING LEVEL GRADES 7-9

These are only suggestions that relate to our theme.
You may read whatever you want to count for reading minutes.

FORMAT GUIDE:

RC = Recorded Cassette

DB = Digital Book Cartridge

LP = Large Print Book

BR = Braille Book

DB (BARD) = Audio Book available download from the NLS Download Site at <https://nlsbard.loc.gov>. Book titles can be downloaded to a VictorStream Reader or to a blank digital cartridge that you may purchase.

- RC 54269 **AQUAMARINE** by Alice Hoffman.
A love-struck mermaid named Aquamarine supplies adventure and insights to two 12-year-old girls; life-long friends who are spending their last summer together before one of them moves away.
- BR 17057 **THE BOY WHO SPOKE DOG** by Clay Morgan.
After a big storm at sea, Jack, a cabin boy, is marooned on an island near New Zealand. Without human company, Jack bonds with a border collie, Moxie, and her group of dogs that protect local sheep from wild dogs.
- RC 53534 **BUCCANEERS** (HIGH SEAS TRILOGY, BOOK 3) by Iain Lawrence.
DB (BARD) In the eighteenth century, 16-year-old John Spencer sails from
LP 13724 England to the Caribbean in his schooner, the Dragon, where he and
the crew encounter pirates, fierce storms, fever, and a strange man
who some fear may be cursed.
Other titles in the trilogy:
1. **WRECKERS** - RC 48708
2. **SMUGGLERS** - RC 48709, LP 13483
- RC 22825 **CALL IT COURAGE** by Armstrong Sperry.
DB (BARD) A Polynesian boy who fears the ocean must redeem the respect of
LP 6167 his people by undertaking a lonely and dangerous journey to a
BR 9146 sacred island. Newbery Award.

- RC 34450
DB (BARD)
LP 6221
BR 8750
- THE CAY** by Theodore Taylor.
When a freighter on which they are traveling is torpedoed by a German submarine during World War II, a white boy, blinded by a blow on the head, and an old black man are stranded on a tiny Caribbean island where the boy acquires a new kind of vision, courage, and love from his old companion.
Also: **TIMOTHY OF THE CAY** - RC 37644, BR 9509
- RC 51873
BR 13475
- CHASING BEARS** by Earl Fleck.
When his reckless father and competitive older brother are injured in an accident during a canoe trip in the Canadian wilderness, 12-year-old Danny must overcome his fears to save them.
- RC 23407
BR 8340
- THE DARK FRIGATE** by Charles Boardman Hawes.
The English frigate on which Philip Marsham is training rescues 12 men from a sinking ship, but it turns out to have been a mistake when the rescued men murder the captain, seize the ship, and head for the pirate waters of the Caribbean. Newbery Award.
- BR 17107
RC 60792
DB (BARD)
LP 17631
- FLUSH** by Carl Hiaasen.
Another award-winning eco-adventure by the author of Hoot, this time about young people gathering evidence to catch the manager of a floating casino who is dumping waste into Florida's coastal waters.
- RC 69144
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- JACQUES COUSTEAU** by Kathleen Olmstead.
The life and undersea world of pioneering oceanographer Jacques Cousteau.
- RC 59685
DB (BARD)
- THE JOURNAL OF BRIAN DOYLE: A GREENHORN ON AN ALASKAN WHALING SHIP** by Jim Murphy.
In 1874, Brian runs away from home in San Francisco to join the crew of a whaling ship. He is troubled by hostile shipmates, while the ship is tossed by storms and stranded in the Arctic.
- RC 63443
DB (BARD)
LP 17707
- THE LIGHTNING THIEF** by Rick Riordan.
About to be kicked out of boarding school once again, Percy is sent to Camp Half-Blood, a summer camp for demigods, where he learns that his father is Poseidon, God of the Sea, and where he embarks upon a quest to reach the gates of the Underworld and prevent a catastrophic war between the gods. First in a series.

- RC 45659
BR 17375
LP 12719 **LILY'S CROSSING** by Patricia Reilly Giff.
During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see the war and her own world differently. Newbery Honor book.
- BR 17990
LP 17630 **THE MISSING MANATEE** by Cynthia C. DeFelice.
While coping with his parents' separation, 11-year-old Skeet spends most of Spring Break in his skiff on a Florida river, where he finds a manatee shot to death and begins to look for the killer.
- RC 57126
DB (BARD) **OVERBOARD** by Elizabeth Fama.
Escaping from a sinking ferry in the waters off Sumatra, 14-year-old Emily fights for her survival, as well as the survival of young Indonesian boy who draws courage from his Islamic faith.
- RC 55911
DB (BARD) **PIRACY AND PLUNDER** by Milton Meltzer.
A history of piracy from ancient times to the modern age: why pirates became thieves and killers; the lives they led on land and sea; their fates; and their victims. Includes, among others, Blackbeard and Sir Henry Morgan.
- RC 68759
DB (BARD)
LP 20749 **SCAT** by Carl Hiaasen.
Nick and his friend Marta decide to investigate when a mysterious fire starts near a Florida wildlife preserve and an unpopular teacher goes missing.
- RC 59623
DB (BARD)
LP 16710 **SEA OF TROLLS** by Nancy Farmer.
After Jack becomes apprenticed to a Druid bard, he and his little sister Lucy are captured by Viking Berserkers and taken to the home of King Ivar the Boneless and his half-troll queen. This leads to Jack undertaking a dangerous quest to Jotunheim, home of the trolls.
- RC 61101
DB (BARD) **SHACKLETON'S STOWAWAY** by Victoria McKernan.
A fictionalized account of the adventures of 18-year-old Perce Blackborow, who stowed away on the 1914 Shackleton Antarctic expedition. After the ship, Endurance, is crushed by ice, he survives many hardships including extreme hunger and frostbite during the nearly two-year return journey across ice and sea.

- RC 52260
DB (BARD)
LP 14559 **STOWAWAY** by Karen Hesse.
In 1768, 11-year-old Nicholas Young stows away on Captain James Cook's ship "Endeavour". He keeps a journal of the three years he spends aboard, recording their adventures and hardships, Cook's exploration of the South Seas, and naturalist Joseph Banks's scientific discoveries.
- BR 11523 **STRANDED** by Ben Mikaelson.
Despite her artificial foot, 12-year-old Koby is completely at home in the ocean. While rescuing a mother whale and her calf from a fishing net, they become beached in shallow water where they may be attacked by sharks.
- RC 65051 **TRACKING TRASH: FLOTSAM, JETSAM, AND THE SCIENCE OF OCEAN MOTION** by Loree Griffith Burns.
This is part biography of Dr. Curtis Ebbesmeyer, part chronicle of his fascinating and unique local-gone global campaign to track trash lost in the ocean. The result provides compelling education about how ocean currents operate and about the need for marine clean up.
- RC 33473
BR 13299
LP 7819 **TRUE CONFESSIONS OF CHARLOTTE DOYLE** by Avi.
As the lone "young lady" on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, Charlotte learns the captain is murderous and the crew rebellious.
- RC 40160 **UNDER THE BLACK FLAG** by Erik Christian Haugaard.
In 1716, William is sailing to school in England when his ship is seized by the pirate Blackbeard. After William befriends Sam, the young son and slave of another pirate captain, the two boys watch for a chance to escape.
- BR 15238 **THE WHALE RIDER** by Witi Ihimaera.
Kahu, whose great-grandfather is the chief of their New Zealand Maori tribe, develops a mystical relationship with whales. Although her potential as a future leader is discounted because she is not male, Kahu and her talents save her people.
- RC 27342 **A YEAR IN THE LIFE: WHALE** by John Stidworthy.
Describes a year in the life of Kaska, a 25-year-old sperm whale who is nearly 50 feet long and weighs almost 30 tons, and is still growing!